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### ANOTHER CHANGE.

Doubtful things are said to be very uncertain, but we have found that all things pertaining to this life are quite uncertain. We had not anticipated that our long-named firm would be so short-lived. We had expected and so stated in our introductory, that we ourselves would be the first to retire, and would have been pleased to have had it so. But the powers that order fates were against it. Our partner soon discovered that he had missed his calling, and wished to retire. Having no one to take his place, we have purchased his interest, and hence we are back to the original firm. Financially we will be weaker, and thereby in every other way we shall be made to feel the loss. Although other causes entered into the sum total of the reasons for the withdrawal of our partner, had the business paid as he had expected it would, he could no doubt have been persuaded to remain. But a sacrifice such as would have been required of him to make, demands a devotion to the cause bordering very closely on fanaticism. The more direct causes for his retirement will appear over his own signature.

There is not much force in asking for patronage from the fact that one stands in need of it. It rather pays to put on a bold front and appear prosperous, as people seem to be disposed to help those who are able to help themselves, but as a matter of fact, we should have double the patronage we now have to afford us a decent living, saying nothing of remuneration for the work performed. And since our work is for the general good of the church, we do feel that we have a claim upon the public, and upon our co-laborers, for their patronage and encouragement. And, therefore, in view of brother Hildebrand's retirement, and our lonehanded effort to furnish the church with a good, readable paper, we make an especial appeal to every friend of the cause to come to the rescue in every possible way. Can not almost every present subscriber obtain at least one additional subscriber at one dollar for the balance of this year, or for six months at 75 cents, or for three months at forty cents. One thing we know everybody can try, and we feel assured that an effort in most cases would meet with success. We shall accept the effort as an assurance of the good will. Please see what you can do for us.

### THE JUNIOR'S ADIEU.

The appearance of this article needs no apology, neither does the course of its author, as it is the result of careful premeditation, and a decision which it is hoped will be for the greatest good of the greatest number. The general good should always be consulted, so in this case. I have carefully and prayerfully considered the work of life, and thoroughly inspected the way before me, and I feel that the best interests of all concerned demands this action.

Though brief has been my experience as one of the editors of the EVANGELIST, yet it was sufficient to acquaint me with some of the tactics essential to publishing and editing a paper. I learned first that in this age to be a success as an editor required more than an average education. He must be strong physically and mentally in order to endure the constant strain of

the business. I also observe from the signs of the times that the coming age will greatly increase the demand in this respect, so that for me to continue with my limited education and physical indisposition, will result in being stranded in the near future. An old but true saying is that "a stitch in time saves nine." So that the best course for me was to prepare for life's work more effectually ere I venture upon its more arduous duties. "To fight a good fight," during this age of intellectual warfare, requires much discipline and strength. The time has passed when bluff and cant wins. Reason is upon the throne and today men must "give a reason for the hope that is within them," if they would succeed in winning souls to Jesus Christ.

The hope of the future depends upon the education of the present. The greatest educators of today are the editors. Therefore to a great extent the depth and breadth of the leading educators of the age determines the destiny of the nations, and every good cause.

No one occupies a more responsible position than an editor. He wields a weapon that will lead to victory or defeat every cause. The pen now rules, not the sword, and as is the warrior's ability to handle his weapon, so are the results of the battle.

Thus finding that the first duty is to prepare for the work, I have decided to give myself to investigation and study, so as to be fitted for such work as God may lead me to do in the future.

My acquaintance with the EVANGELIST family has been both pleasant and agreeable, and I hope God will assist us in developing the cause and increasing the circulation of the paper, until it reaches many thousands of homes each week.

On retiring from the publishing interests of the paper, my good will remains with it, and I shall ever gratefully watch its interests and wish it unbounded success so long as it continues to teach of God and his love as manifested through Jesus Christ and him crucified. Thus as an editor I bid you farewell, and wish God's blessing upon the EVANGELIST, its editor, and readers, with the cause of truth the world over.

Fraternal  
E. L. HILDEBRAND.

### PROHIBITION IN IOWA.

"To be or not to be" appears now to be the great question in this state, as it relates to the present prohibitory laws. We had fondly hoped that the defeat of the republican party last fall might not be so disastrous in its effects as the leading politicians seemed to fear, but it is to be feared that there is great occasion for alarm. The question is now being discussed at the state capital. The executive committee appointed by the anti-prohibition republican conference drew up a petition to the legislature, which was presented to a senatorial caucus last week. The following is an extract from the petition:

"We are instructed to urge upon the republican members of the legislature the imperative necessity of modifying the law and extending the relief that is asked. The change is demanded by every consideration, whether moral, social, political or commercial. The situation of the largest and most important cities of the state, and indeed, of many other communities, is deplorable. To leave them as they are, subject to all the evils which absolute free whiskey can inflict, is little less than treason. There was never a time when fearless, high-minded action on the part of republicans was so necessary as at this moment. We beg that you will not fail to respond to the most urgent appeal for help and justice that was ever presented to a legislative body. You cannot hesitate for party reasons. The party has already lost its magnificent majority, solely on account of its attitude toward prohibition. The defection goes on every day. You must feel that the revulsion in public sentiment is almost complete, and nothing can be more certain than that the party will in the future sustain and commend those who in this critical juncture have the courage and patriotism to do that which every intelligent observer knows is essential to the success of the party."

From the tone of this petition it is hardly to be expected that republican politicians will remain true to the prohibitory laws now in force,

except such as are heart and soul in sympathy with temperance reform. Those we fear are few and far between. It is claimed by these petitioners "that the revulsion in public sentiment is almost complete." This we do not believe, and yet we are not in such an attitude to the people of the state as to enable us to disprove it. It is extremely difficult in these times to get at the truth of public questions which are in the remotest degree connected with party politics. We fondly cling to the view that out of the population of the state of Iowa, a large majority would vote for prohibitory laws. But that fact will hardly be taken into consideration. The leading question with politicians will be in what way they can make the most money out of the problem.

We deplore the re-opening of the saloon, with all its attending evils. Waterloo with open saloons will not be the Waterloo it has been for the last five years. There will be rows and riots, and lawless carousals, and the few evils that were kept in the dark and under restraint will become bold and defiant. O that our lawmakers might have regard to these things, and might act so as to promote the best interests of the state.

### EASTER AT ENON.

Easter Sunday was a happy day to the editor of the EVANGELIST. First, the weather was pleasant, and by the courtesy of brother Paul Coughlin we were enabled to attend the services at the Enon church in forenoon and evening. There was a fair attendance in the morning, though not as large as we had expected. According to arrangement, we preached the sermon for the day. It being the first Sunday for brother Stevens in his relation to the church as pastor, we deemed it appropriate to devote the time to a consideration of the relative duties of pastor and people, and accordingly so directed our remarks. We read several passages of Scripture bearing upon the subject and commented upon them. Brother Stevens followed with a few well-directed remarks, and accepted the obligations of his office, asking the prayers of the church in its behalf, and hoping that all would work together harmoniously, and that great good might result during the year.

We spent the afternoon at the home of brother William Hildebrand, near the church, and enjoyed an old fashioned country visit. Also called on brother Sylvester Hildebrand, who is again afflicted with an attack of rheumatism.

In the evening appropriate Easter exercises were held by the Sunday school, conducted by brother I. B. Lichty, the superintendent. The church was beautifully decorated with mottoes, flowers and plants of variegated foliage. The exercises consisted of essays, addresses, readings and recitations of Easter poems by the children, interspersed with appropriate music. One beautiful exercise consisted of a recitation of Scripture quotations referring to little children, by four of the young members of the school, the last of which was: "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." The choir sang several appropriate anthems, and the audience joined in singing joyful songs. The services were very interesting and creditable to those who were engaged in getting them up, and everybody seemed to be happy, as was becoming upon such a glorious and happy occasion. Brother E. L. Hildebrand brought us home after service, much revived and encouraged. We hope we may have been instrumental in affording encouragement to others.

### A GROWING ESTABLISHMENT.

When a house advertises so extensively and offers such extraordinary inducements to purchasers as does that of J. D. Larkin & Co., of this city, the question naturally arises in the minds of those unacquainted with the character of the firm, as to their reliability. This question having come to us, we take great pleasure in saying, unsolicited, that this noted firm is one of the most reliable in our city. The proprietors are straight-forward, honorable business men, whose word can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Our readers need have no hesitancy in accepting any of the offers which may appear from time to time in this or any other paper over their

signatures, and they may without further inquiry, remit the cash with the order if the goods advertised are what they want.—*Christian Advocate, Buffalo, N. Y., March 20.*

### Notes and Comments.

ONE DOLLAR pays for the balance of this year.

When your name of marks is clear, You've been booked for all the year.

ONLY ONE DOLLAR for the EVANGELIST from April 1st to December 31st.

It will pay you to read the lines headed "The Bird with the Broken Wing," on our first page.

Hereafter make all money orders and drafts payable to the order of H. R. Holsinger.

Brother Ed. Hildebrand has our thanks for a fine wild duck, some of the fruits of his first hunt after obtaining his freedom.

Brother Horace M. Yoder, a former typo in the EVANGELIST office, is now engaged in the office of the Morrill News, Brown county, Kansas.

We have printed a new supply of certificates of church membership which we can furnish at ten cents a dozen; fifty for thirty cents; one hundred for fifty cents.

Elder E. L. Yoder has been engaged for another year to serve as pastor of the Pony Creek church. The Pony Creek church is one of the most prosperous congregations of the Brethren church in the west.

We beg pardon of the Falls City church for the error in the statistical report of that congregation in the Annual for this year, as referred to by brother Yoder. We have heard of no other error of the kind, hence we presume the report is nearly correct.

We shall be pleased to publish the reports of the state conventions in the Annual, so far as they interest the general public and become a matter for permanent record. It would scarcely be desirable to spread the secular affairs and business routine of such meetings the second time upon our church literature. Hence it would be proper for the clerks of such conventions to prepare a special report for the Annual, embodying only such part of the proceedings as should be placed into the archives of the church for historical purposes, or as a matter of convenient reference.

The sisters seem to be growing deeper and deeper into the spirit of their work. They visit the poor and the sick, and report progress. What a grand mission. If they will faithfully pursue this line of work, they will never be at a loss for something to write about, nor will we lack original matter with which to fill up their department in the EVANGELIST. Not that they will want to boast of their work, but there is such an inspiration in the sick chamber and among the poor and needy that one always has something to say after coming away. You think of other sick and other poor whom you cannot relieve, and you seem to want to say something which may inspire others to wait upon them. We are glad the ladies of the EVANGELIST have introduced this line of work into their department. There are many things to be thought of and written upon this subject, so as to be most successful in the work, all of which may be discussed in the sisters' department.

### Correspondence.

#### From Troy, Ohio.

Our meeting at Troy is still in progress. I came here from Pleasant Hill, and the meeting has been kept up ever since, though I was at home a few days. While absent, brother Mikesell carried on the meeting, and up to this time we have had fifteen more converts. The Troy church has a grand future before it, if they only fear God and keep his commandments. Out of the large gathering, I am glad to say, nearly all are adorning their profession by leading a Christian life. A few it seems, stand in need of conversion, but this you will find in many of our churches, and I pray God to so open to our view our own wickedness that conviction deep, may so take hold of our hearts, that our lives may be in harmony with God's will and purpose.

I was favorably impressed with brother Bauman's suggestion, that instead of telling how many wealthy

and influential people we have received, tell how many drunkards and bad men and women have been saved, and with the permission of the editor, I will give some of our experiences here at Troy. These that I refer to are not ashamed to have mention made of the wonderful change that has been wrought in them. Neither would they object to have their names mentioned if it would be of any benefit to so do. And dear reader, if you could hear them tell how they have been snatched as brands from the fire, you with us would say, "Glory to God in the highest."

One man, past the meridian of life, who had been a drinking man for many years, and who had not seen a sober Christmas day for thirty years, out of curiosity came to our meetings. He told me after his conversion that he never went to a meeting where it took such a hold on him as did this meeting. He continued to come and conviction deepened to such an extent that he could resist the spirit no longer. So he came out, but said he would not be baptized until all the whiskey was out of his system. And he did not. On Christmas day he went "up to town" and soon some of his chums came to him and said, "Come and take a drink." He refused. Soon others came and said, "Come have a drink." Then he says he remembered what I had told them in a sermon one night, that if the devil came to tempt them they should have the courage to say no sir with a will, and he said he did so, and took the advice given him and started for home as fast as he could go. On his way home he passed a saloon, he smelled the rotten stuff and hurried home and prayed to God every day to take away the terrible appetite, and now he says he knows our advice was true, that God would help those that sincerely ask him.

This man's reformation is the wonder of Troy, but it is genuine so far, and we pray that it may be until death. He now rejoices in seeing his whole family in the church, except one son. His son-in-law, who had also become dissipated in his habits, but today he stands as a living witness of God's power to save from the terrible results of sin and dissipation.

Another who was dissipated in his habits, and mean and abusive to his wife and children, who would carouse around nearly every night, now stays at home one night and takes care of the small children while his wife comes to church, and the next night he comes while she stays at home. In fact the change is from a demon to an angel. Saved from the terrible effects of sin, is the glad news. I might go on and give more such experiences, as we have no very wealthy ones to report, but I want to say we also have many that had not gone into dissipation nor very far in sin, who are now enjoying the blessings of salvation, and but one more case and I am done.

Alady who had not been in a church for about fifteen years, was persuaded to come out one Sunday afternoon to witness the baptismal scene. At first she objected as she had become somewhat sceptical, and said "the preacher might drag her into the water." But she came, and God wonderfully took hold of her heart, and that night she was persuaded to come to church. She was "weighed in the balance and found wanting," and was thus led to seek for help and salvation, and today she rejoices in the hope of eternal life.

Now, brother Bauman, if these will serve the purpose of your suggestion, then they have filled their mission. If not I hope the editor will throw them in the waste basket.

On Sunday evening, March 30th, after the close of the regular services, we had a short business meeting, and held an election for two deacons. The church honored and called brethren William Hart, and George Landre, two noble young brethren, who we trust will adorn their professions and magnify their office by being faithful stewards.

To sister Jennie Leach. You had partially slipped from my memory, until I read your letter in No. 14 of the EVANGELIST. Well do I remember how sad you were and how much of it was caused by unkind and unsympathetic words. How careful we ought to be, how kind, and full of sunshine, in the presence of the sick, and suffering. I feared for your life Jennie, for your heart indeed seemed "heavy as lead," but ah how glad I am, you are still alive, and I hope in good spirits, too.

One more thought and I am done. I can see no good as a general thing at least, for correspondents when reporting accessions, to say: "prominent members of the M. E." or "S. B." or any other church that may be named, joined in with us. I do not care whether people came from the S. B's, the M. E's, the U. B's, or any where else. If they only come right and live right when they do come. It hurts, to have a matter of this kind brought out to public view. If you don't think so let us try it in a different way. Suppose we pick up the Messenger or any other religious paper, and there we read, so and so, came from the progressives, "so and so," prominent progressives left their church and joined in with us. It hurts don't it? There can be no harm in mentioning where people came from when they come to us, if anything is to be gained by it, but generally it savors of a spirit of boasting that I believe had better be avoided. And I believe sometimes we do it from force of habit, not thinking that while it hurts us to hear of our

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